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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated August 3, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

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